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Applicant(s): M. KAYASHIMA, et al

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For: NETWORK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 9, 1999

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the following claims:

Claim 1, line 3, delete "including" insert  
--comprising--.

Claim 2, line 2, after "server" insert --further--.